



Canton Parks Master Plan

Northwest Quadrant Meeting

NOVEMBER 6, 2014



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Meeting Goals and Agenda

Agenda:

- **Introduction** — Derek Gordon, Park Director, Canton Park Commission
- **Northwest Quadrant Overview** — Discuss project, process, and quadrant specific parks
- **Break-Out Discussion**



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Overview

Project Description

- The **City of Canton Park Commission** is developing a **2014 Master Plan** which will outline the future of Canton's 60 plus parks and **define objectives to improve and sustain the parks for future needs**
 - Alongside a separate Comprehensive Plan underway for the City of Canton
 - Environmental Design Group will collaborate with the consulting team to integrate information from both separate plans
 - **GOAL:** Provide Comprehensive Roadmap for the future of Canton Parks



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Project Schedule

Current

- ✓ Northwest Meeting – Thursday November 6th
- Existing Conditions Data Gathering and Analysis

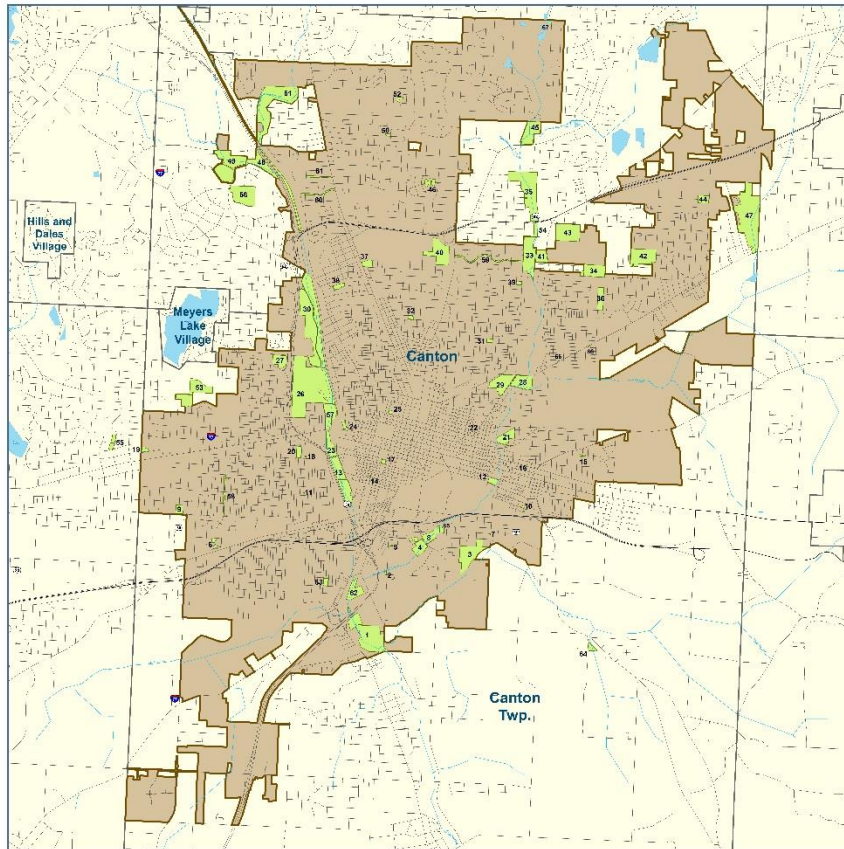
Next Steps

- Analyze information from Existing Conditions Data Gathering
- Collaborate with comprehensive plan team for Level of Service (LOS) analysis of parks
- Determine deficiencies and/or oversupply of parks
- Quadrant Meetings:
 - Southwest Meeting – Thursday November 13
 - Southeast Meeting – Tuesday November 18
 - Northeast Meeting – Wednesday November 19
- Final Public Meeting – report findings, recommendations and next steps



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Existing Conditions



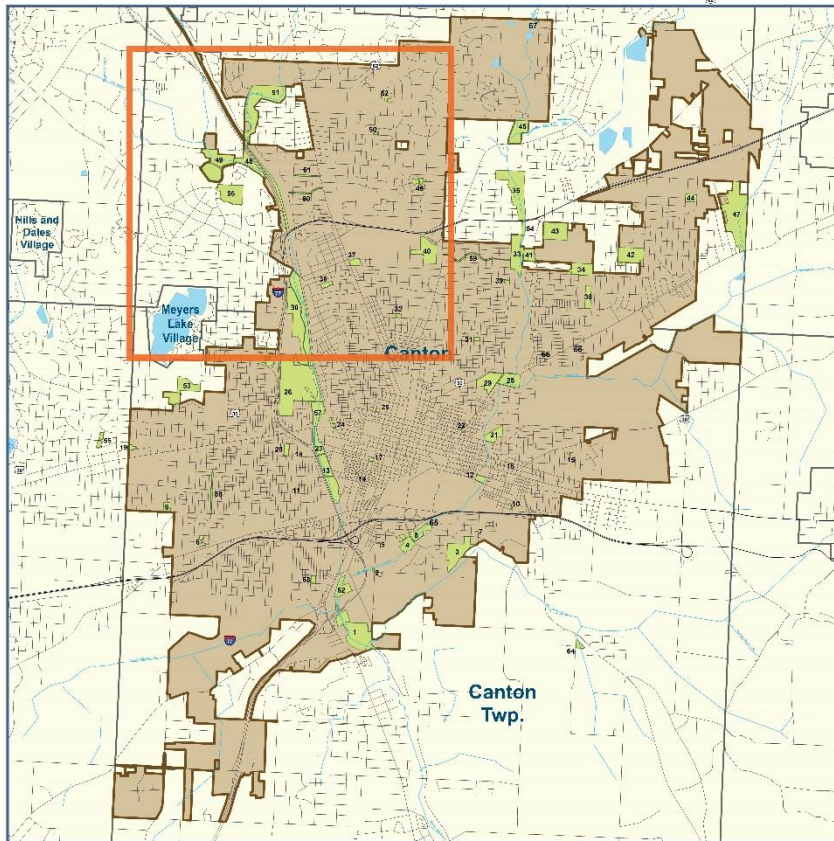
City of Canton

- **67 Parks** in inventory
- **862 acres** of park land
 - 4 Boulevards
 - 17 Mini Parks
 - 13 Neighborhood Parks
 - 16 Community Parks
- Using existing conditions, Parks were classified on National Recreation and Parks Association Standards (NRPA)



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Existing Conditions



Northwest Quadrant

- **15 Parks** in Northwest Quadrant
- **271 acres** of park land
 - 2 Boulevards
 - 2 Mini Parks
 - 4 Neighborhood Parks
 - 6 Community Parks
 - 1 Large Urban Park



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Park Amenities and Usage

Overview of Northwest Quadrant – 15 Parks





- **2 parks** are linked to an external bike path or trail
- **9 playground** facilities are distributed among 8 Parks
- **4 basketball courts** are distributed among 4 Parks
- **4 parks** contain public restrooms
- Usage
 - **9 parks** are considered to have **HIGH** usage
 - **4 parks** are considered to have **LITTLE to NO** usage
 - The 2 boulevards in our study area do not have usage data

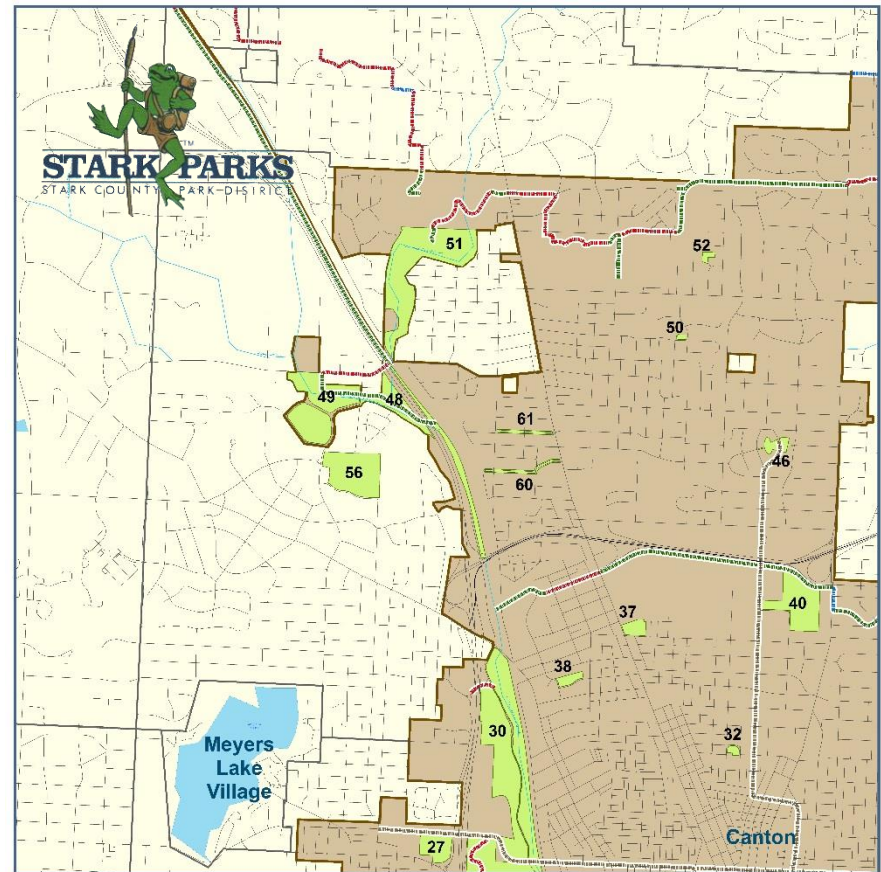
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Trail Analysis

Proposed Trail Analysis

- **13 parks** of Canton's 67 parks could be connected to the proposed trails found in the City of Canton Trail Plan & the Stark Parks Trail & Greenway Plan
- **Stadium Park, Ink Park, Arboretum Park, and Covered Bridge Park** (Found in the NW Quadrant) could be connected to the proposed trails.

 Bike Lane (Proposed)
 Off Road Trail (Proposed)
 On Road Trail (Proposed)
 Widened Sidewalk (Proposed)

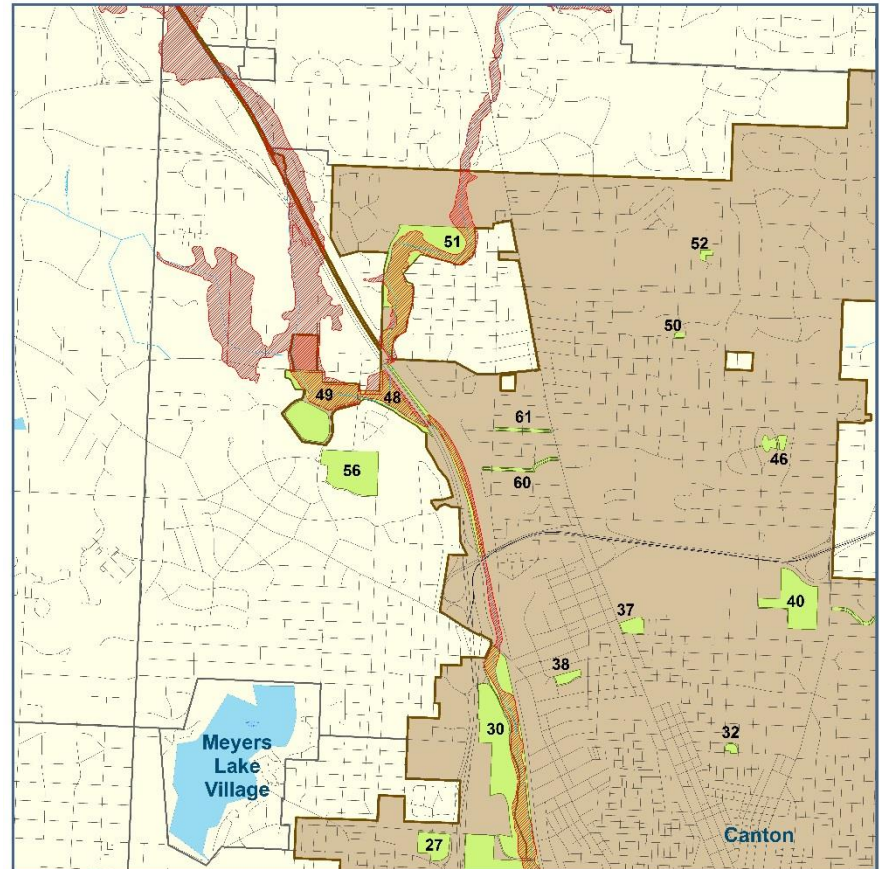
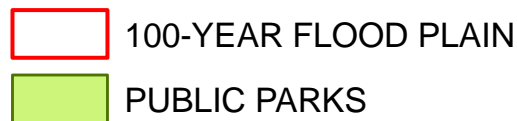


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Flood Plain Analysis

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- **4 parks** fall within a flood plain boundary in the Northwest Quadrant
- **98 acres (36%)** of the 271 acres of park land
- Based on 100-year flood data





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Flooding Events

Out of Canton's 67 parks included in our inventory, **13 parks have been documented with flooding events.**

This provides opportunities for **Stormwater Management** and implementation of **Green Infrastructure**.



Rain Gardens



Wetland Creation/Restoration



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Maintenance



1950's Park Maintenance

- High cost
- Not sustainable
- Encourages flooding



Natural Maintenance

- Cost effective
- Provides additional security
- Can provide flood control
- Provides wildlife habitat

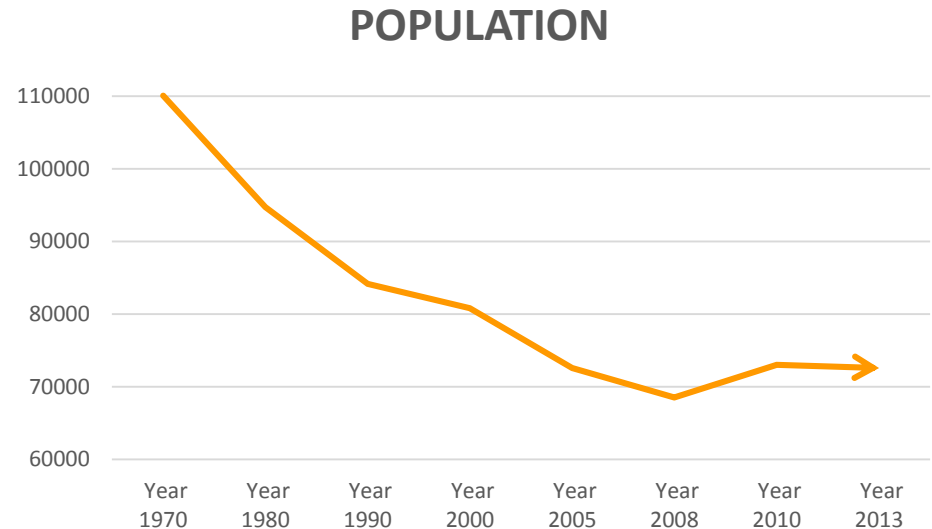


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Population

City of Canton

- Population
 - 1970 – 110,053
 - 1980 – 94,730
 - 1990 – 84,161
 - 2000 – 80,806
 - 2005 – 72,584
 - 2008 – 68,507
 - 2010 – 73,007
 - 2013 – 72,551



Source: American Community Survey (ACS) 2000, 2005, 2008, 2010, 2013. US Census Bureau



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NRPA Recommendations

The **National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA)** is an organization dedicated to the advancement of public parks and recreational opportunity. NRPA strives to develop and implement best practices and resources that will aid in the growth of American parks.

NRPA Park Standards:

- General NRPA Recommendation is a minimum of **10 acres of park space per 1,000 people**
- Current Population of Canton **72,551** (2013)
- **67 parks – 862 Acres**
- NRPA standard for Canton Population = **725.5 acres**
- Canton has an **excess 136.5 acres** of parks for its current population



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Next Steps

Next Steps for Us.

- Analyze information from Existing Conditions Data Gathering
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Next Steps for You.

Southwest Quadrant Meeting

J. Babe Stearn Community Center
2628 13th St. SW
Thursday, November 13 @ 6:00 PM

Southeast Quadrant Meeting

Edward "Peel" Coleman Community Center
1400 Sherrick Rd. SE
Thursday, November 18 @ 6:00 PM

Northeast Quadrant Meeting

Belle Stone Elementary School
2100 Rowland Ave. NE
Wednesday, November 19 @ 6:00 PM



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Break-Out Discussion

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Arboretum Park
Bernard Avenue Playground
Brian C. Roshong Police Memorial Park
Covered Bridge Park
Don Correll Park
Ink Park
Jay Welch Playground

K-Z

Westbrook Veteran's Memorial Park
Stadium Park
Vassar Hill Field
Weis Park
Spiker Park
Northview Park
Mt. Vernon Boulevard
Washington Boulevard

**Please take a few minutes to complete the
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Or Online:

<http://envdesigngroup.poll daddy.com/s/canton-parks-survey>